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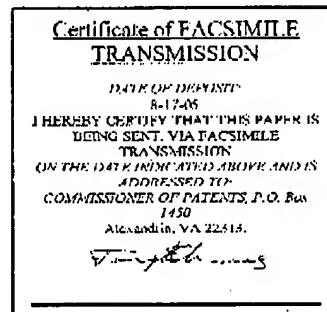
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For: Acquisition Distribution Layer
Having Void Volumes
For an Absorbent Article

Art Unit: 3761

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This amendment and response is being timely filed within the three-month statutory period for response set in the Office Action dated May 17, 2005.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully solicited based on the remarks set forth herein.

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.